

## AMERICAN TOURISTS VIEW PASSION PLAY

Two Thousand Pass Through  
Munich, En Route to Ober-  
ammergau.

[By Associated Press.]  
MUNICH, BAVARIA, May 12.—Two thousand American tourists passed through Munich today on their way to Oberammergau for the formal opening performance tomorrow of the Passion Play, the classic spectacle depicting the resurrection of Christ.

There were scores of Americans among the tourists who left this city in open buses this morning despite the biting cold weather and a drizzling rain. Others went by special trains later, all planning to arrive in time for the opening of the play scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Outstanding among the tourists' difficulties reported by travel agencies here, is the prevailing high prices in Munich whose residents are frankly discriminating against foreigners. Many places make no effort to conceal the fact that the scale of prices is higher for Americans than for other foreigners. To the increased value of the dollar over other currencies, hotel keepers justify these unusual rates by claiming that the Bavarian government forces them to buy foreign provisions, such as sugar, flour, butter and eggs if they are housing foreign guests and they must pay the prices demanded for such foreign supplies.

It is common knowledge here that beginning May 10 the government required the three state theaters of Munich to charge foreigners five times the price paid by native playgoers. It is useless for the artful visitor to have a native buy his tickets in order to avoid this extra charge since identification papers are required of all theatergoers at the time of admittance.

The elevation of prices has extended even to antique shops. One reliable dealer today quoted prices twice and even three times as high as those a year ago.

Accommodations for handling the crowds going to Oberammergau are obviously cramped. An American official of one of the principal travel bureaus has opened negotiations to take over all the hotels in Munich for the whole season. He declared today the local management did not realize the enormity of the summer tourist business, despite the fact that already there are 1,500 reservations for later performances of the Russian play.

## CALL FOR HER BABY NETS 200-POUNDER

NEW YORK, May 12.—Bella Baker, who is a young mother, was so popular at the Franklin Theater the other night, that she ran out of songs. Smiling, but weary, she threw up her hands and asked:

"Well, what will you have me do next?"

"Bring out your baby," came from a woman in the third row.

And just then a big fat vaudeville performer weighing 200 pounds, accidentally stepped out of the wing onto the stage.

## UNION COLLEGE PUPIL DEVELOPS SMALLPOX

Dr. Chichester Vaccinates 275  
Students of Institution as  
Precaution.

Vaccination of the 275 students of Virginia Union University, together with the faculty, workers and others connected with the institution followed the discovery yesterday morning that a resident student of the university was affected with smallpox. Dr. P. M. Chichester, of the Bureau of Health, did the vaccinating in the absence of Drs. C. C. Hudson and E. C. Levy, who were out of the city.

Louis Jeffries, aged 20, a pitcher on the university baseball team, is the student who developed smallpox. It is thought he contracted the disease while on a trip with the ball team to Durham, N. C., where the team played April 29.

No other student has shown any symptoms of the disease as far as is known. Health authorities went to the scene at once. Dr. Chichester stated last night that the case appeared to be a mild one, and that the patient has been sent to the smallpox hospital in Henrico County. Nothing has been left undone to prevent a spread of the disease, and, in addition to the vaccination, the student's quarters have been fumigated and clothing worn by the infected student sterilized, he stated.

There is no immediate danger of the disease spreading, in the opinion of Dr. Chichester. The university was put on medical alert yesterday following the discovery of the disease. The student was in contact with members of the faculty and many students before the disease became manifest and it was thought advisable to vaccinate all of them.

## REPERTOIRE COMPANY PLANS BUSY SEASON

NEW YORK, May 12.—The Repertoire Company, which will occupy the Belmont Theater next season, is rapidly taking form. The board of advisers includes Professor George P. Baker, of Harvard; Louis K. Anspacher, of the University of Chicago; Benjamin B. Casseres, of St. John's; Kaufman, Owen Davis, Thomas P. Robinson, Ida Payne, Augustin Dunham, Lester Longman and Robert Milford. The play readers and the special committees will be named later. At least four plays will be approved and accepted before the first one is produced. The company is planning a season of thirty weeks and it is likely that a tour of the principal cities of the East will follow. Richard G. Herndon, proprietor of the Belmont Theater, is the general director of the organization.

## Revival Services Continue.

The revival services, which are being conducted at Laurel Street Methodist Church by Miss Annie Agnes Smith, continue with unabated interest. Miss Smith is preaching sermons to large congregations. The meeting will continue through this week. Tomorrow night Miss Smith will speak to a convention of Heart Throbs of the Underworld. Dr. Frank T. McFadden, of this city, brother of Rev. G. H. McFadden, pastor of Laurel Street Methodist Church, will speak to men in the basement of the church at the same hour.

## METHODISTS NAME COMMISSION TO STUDY BOARD CHANGES

General Conference Acts in Response to Sentiment of  
Church for Reorganization and Consolidation of  
Great Enterprises of the Denomination.

[By Associated Press.]  
HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 12.—Appointment of a commission of eighteen members to study the question of reorganization and consolidation of general boards, was authorized by the nineteenth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here today.

The commission, which will be elected by the conference, will consist of nine members of the clergy and nine laymen, a portion of the latter to be women. It will make its report at the general conference four years hence.

**Recommends Change.**  
In authorizing the commission the conference adopted the report of its committee which was named at this conference to study the matter. The committee's report, besides recommending the commission, also suggested a form of reorganization along the following lines:

A general board of foreign missions for missionary work outside of the United States.

A general board of home missions and church extension to handle work in this country now done by the general board of missions, the general board of church extension, board of temperance and social service, laymen's activities.

A general board of education to take over work now in the hands of the general board of education, general Epworth League board and the general Sunday school board.

A finance and superannuate minister board.

Creation of general women's board of missions to handle various matters pertaining to the activity of women in the church.

**Woman Opposes Plan.**  
The committee's suggestions as to reorganization brought opposition from the floor, led by Mrs. J. H. McCoy, of Nashville, widow of the late Bishop McCoy and the first woman to participate in the debates of this conference.

Mrs. McCoy declared that the commission should not be restricted by what she termed "instructions" laid down by the conference committee, but should have freedom of action in arriving at the methods of reorganization. She moved that the entire section of the committee report pertaining to proposed details of reorganization be eliminated. Her contentions were supported by several other delegates.

On a standing vote the conference rejected the amendment, 162 to 150. An amendment offered by Dr. P. H. Linn, of Fayette, Mo., to have the commission personnel contain nine ministers instead of six was adopted. Pronounced dissatisfaction exists within the church over the present system of board operation, the committee report said, and added that every effort must be made to avoid

be conducted entirely within the church membership. Obtaining of the subscriptions will start early in 1924, it was stated.

Each charge in the church will be asked to obtain a minimum amount equal to the amount assessed for its pastor and presiding elder during the conference year 1922-1923. Sunday schools, Epworth League, women's auxiliaries and laymen's organizations also will participate in the campaign.

It was learned this evening that the committee on temperance and social reform has tentatively agreed upon a resolution placing the conference on record as condemning mob rule, organized or unorganized. Efforts within the committee to have the resolution mention one organization in particular failed, it was said.

Proposed modification of the present rule whereby pastors and presiding elders may not be kept on one assignment more than four years, is contained in majority and minority committee reports to be submitted to the conference within a few days. The majority report would leave the period of service within the discretion of the bishop. The minority report urges that all time restrictions be eliminated.

**Ministers.**—The Revs. H. L. Wade, Batesville, Ark.; G. T. Rowe, Nashville; H. D. Knickerbocker, Wichita Falls; T. L. Hulise, Henderson, Ky.; G. L. Royle, Waverly, Tenn.; and R. A. Clark, Memphis, Tenn.

Changes in episcopal districts already agreed upon, it was said, include the transfer of the Memphis conference to the Mississippi-North Mississippi district, and of the Tennessee conference to the Alabama-North Alabama district.

**Most Halls for Superannuates.**  
Declaring that one of the biggest matters facing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is the care of superannuate ministers and their dependent speakers told delegates to the nineteenth quadrennial general conference of the denomination here tonight that every support must be given a plan to raise a fund of \$100,000,000 or more for that work.

Details of the plan, which was authorized by the conference earlier in the week, were explained, and it was brought out that the campaign would



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## NEW SURVEY IS MADE OF HOPEWELL HIGHWAY

Relocate Road From City to  
Point on Appomattox  
River.

HOPEWELL, VA., May 12.—F. D. Henley, of Richmond, civil engineer, representing the State Roads Commission, together with Judge Thomas H. Robertson, chairman of the committee of roads of the Hopewell Chamber of Commerce, and other citizens of Hopewell interested in the Richmond-Norfolk highway through Hopewell, now under consideration by the Hopewell Chamber of Commerce and the State Roads Commission, made a survey of a better route from Hopewell to the Appomattox River yesterday.

The new route, plans for which were recently submitted to the Hopewell chamber by Judge Robertson, was found to be better than any

route suggested thus far and was found to be much cheaper and more easily constructed than any previously suggested route. Beginning at Weston Circle, the road will extend in a northwesterly direction, striking the Appomattox River at a point just below the old fish camp and will be only 3,600 feet over the whole distance.



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